



BIOGRAPHY



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Colonel Barbara J. Faulkenberry



Colonel Barbara J. Faulkenberry is the Commandant of Squadron Officer College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. As commandant, she is responsible for annually developing 8,000 leaders who can advocate what 21st century air and space power brings to the fight, value team achievement over individual success, and value their vital role in the profession of arms. Both Air and Space Basic Course and Squadron Officer School fall within the College.

Colonel Faulkenberry entered the Air Force in 1982 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Her career includes a variety of operational and staff positions to include squadron, group, and wing command. She has also led in the deployed environment as a squadron commander in Operation Southern Watch, a deputy operations group commander in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a vice wing commander in Operation Enduring Freedom. Her staff positions include two joint assignments in the

Joint Chiefs of Staff Western Hemisphere Division and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the Air Staff Training Intern Program. Colonel Faulkenberry is a 12-time inter-service racquetball champion and was selected by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans in 1997. Prior to her assignment at Maxwell Air Force Base, the colonel served as the Commander of the 375th Airlift Wing at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

EDUCATION:

- 1982 Bachelor of Science, Operations Research, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1985 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)
- 1986 Masters of Business Administration, Georgia College, Ga.
- 1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)
- 1994 Masters in Airpower Arts/Sciences, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Masters in National Security, National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1982 - February 1983, student, Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. February 1983 - July 1983, student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
3. August 1983 - October 1987, Navigator and Instructor Navigator KC-135A/R; Instructor Navigator EC-135Y, U.S. Central Command CINC Aircrew, 912th Air Refueling Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
4. October 1987 - December 1988, Air Staff Training (ASTRA) Program, Action Officer, Force Management and Personnel, Office of Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

5. January 1989 - August 1989, Chief Navigator, Training Flight, 22nd Air Refueling Squadron, March Air Force Base, Calif.
6. August 1989 - August 1993, Deputy Director Laboratory Division; Director Intramural Division; and Director Instruction Division, Athletic Department, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
7. August 1993 - July 1994, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. July 1994 - July 1995, student, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. July 1995 - February 1997, Chief Ops Group Stan/Eval, 319th Operations Group; Operations Officer, 912th Air Refueling Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
10. February 1997 - August 1998, Commander, 905th Air Refueling Squadron; Deputy Commander, 319th Operations Group; Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
11. August 1998 - June 1999, student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. June 1999 - November 1999, Politico Military Planner, Conventional Arms Control Division, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. November 1999 - July 2001, Chief, Western Hemisphere Division, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, J-5, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
14. July 2001 - July 2003, Commander, 19th Air Refueling Group, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
15. July 2003 - January 2005, Commander, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
16. January 2005 - present, Commandant, Squadron Officer College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator

Hours Flown: 2,200

Aircraft Flown: C-21, KC-135A/R, EC-135Y, T-43

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster

Airman's Medal

Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1982

First Lieutenant June 2, 1984

Captain June 2, 1986

Major May 1, 1993

Lieutenant Colonel Jan. 1, 1997

Colonel April 1, 2000

(Current as of February 2005)